

## DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

**To Cook Artichokes.**—Boil in water with a little salt, like potatoes, until soft, and no longer. Peel and serve in white sauce, like onions.

**Pork Cutlets.**—Fry to a nice brown; beat 3 eggs with 3 teaspoonsfuls of flour, dip each slice in the batter, and fry again, until the batter is cooked. This is very nice.

**Steamed Apples.**—Pare and halve good, sour apples, remove the cores and place them in a steamer over a kettle of boiling water; when tender, serve with sugar and cream, and imagine they are peaches.

**To Cook Beets.**—The true way to cook a beet is to bake, not boil it. Thus treated, and sliced either in vinegar or butter, it is exceedingly palatable and nutritious. Boiling extracts the most valuable part of the vegetable.

**Good Pastry.**—To 7 ten-pounfuls of flour add 1 teaspoonful of salt. Rub flour and salt thoroughly together; add enough ice-cold water to make a thick paste; catch this lightly together with a fork; flour the past-board well; take enough of the paste for a pie, and roll it out quickly and gently. On the top crust drop thickly little pieces of butter.

**Ham Cake.**—A capital way of disposing of the remains of a ham and making an excellent dish for breakfast is: Take ½ pounds of ham, fat and lean together; put it into a mortar and pound it, or pass it through a sausage-machine; boil a large slice of bread in a pint of milk, and beat it and the ham well together; add an egg well beaten up. Put the whole into a mold and bake a rich brown.

**Oyster Pie.**—For this pie, puff paste may be used. Butter a deep tin or two-quart basin, line the bottom and sides with the paste, rolled to about ¼ an inch in thickness; take a quart or 3 pints of oysters from their own liquor and put them into a pie; cut a quarter of a pound of sweet butter in bits the size of a hickory nut, strew these over the oysters; sprinkle over a teaspoonful of ground pepper, and dredge them white with wheat flour, then strain the oyster liquor over; add enough milk or water to it to very nearly reach the top of the paste; roll some of the paste to nearly ¼ an inch in thickness, make an aperture in the center to allow the steam to escape, also several incisions with a knife on either side of the center; cover the pie; dip your fingers in flour, and pinch the top and side paste neatly together. Bake nearly an hour in a quick oven.

### Dumb Dogs.

The following curious facts in natural history occur in a letter from the Mauritius to Professor Bell, of King's College, London: In coming from Lechelles hither we touched at Juan de Nova, where I had an opportunity of seeing for the first time an island of purely coral formation. It is of a horse-shoe shape, about twenty-one miles long, and from a half to three-quarters of a mile broad, with extensive reefs around it, abounding with turtle. Dogs of different kinds have been left there from time to time, and, finding abundance of food in the turtle eggs, young turtle and sea-fowl, have multiplied prodigiously; so that there are now some thousands of them. I can testify from personal observation that they drink salt water, and they have entirely lost the faculty of barking. Some of them which have been in captivity for several months had not yet lost their wild looks and habits; nor had they any inclination for the company of other dogs, nor did they acquire their voice. You may perhaps have heard of this before; if so, my notice will confirm your knowledge; if not, I hope the fact, as being of my own ocular demonstration, will prove interesting. On the island the dogs congregate in vast packs, and catch sea-birds with as much address as foxes could display. They dig up the turtle eggs, and frequently quarrel over their booty. The greater part of them droop their tail like wolves, but many carry them curled over their backs. They appear to consist of spaniel, terrier, Newfoundland, and hound, in various degrees of mixture, and are of all colors except pure white or brindled.

### Won't Get any Thing in their Stockings.

There are two residents of Detroit who won't get any Santa Claus gifts in their stockings. They live on Adams Avenue, and are husband and wife. She had the front steps washed the other night while he was down town, and when he returned home and rushed for the door in his usual vigorous style he rushed on his head. As he was walking around the wife opened the door and inquired:

"What made you fall down, Peter?"

He pitched against the door in his efforts to stand up and answered:

"Don't you know any thing, you numb-head you?"

"What is it—ice?" she asked.

"You don't suppose I'd fall down on

sand, do you?" he shouted. "I was going to put something in your stocking, but now I won't!"

"Well, keep your brass jewelry then," she sulkily replied.

"And you keep your old calico dressing-gowns!"

It is sad to see folks living this way.—*Free Press.*

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